

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
406**

USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS

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AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131

RESPONSIBILITY

The Warden shall establish and maintain a procedure for the use of chemical agents on institutional grounds within the parameters set forth in Operational Procedures.

406.01 USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS

1. Chemical agents should be used only in emergency situations. The proper use of chemical agents depends upon:

- A. The exercise of good judgment.
- B. A verbal warning of the intended action which precedes the use.
- C. The Warden, Associate Warden, Deputy Director, or Director authorizing its use.
- D. The Shift Supervisor may authorize use of chemical agents in emergencies when time does not permit obtaining prior approval.
- E. If part of a planned use of force, the incident will be videotaped.

2. The Warden shall establish and maintain an operational procedure for the use of chemical agents on institutional grounds within the following parameters:

- A. Chemical agents are to be used only when less serious methods of regaining control have not been successful or when such methods have been determined to be ineffective in resolving an emergency situation.
- B. Chemical agents shall never be used for the punishment of inmates.
- C. Only properly trained and certified personnel may apply chemical agents.

a. All officers working lockdown units will be properly trained in the use of chemical agents.

b. Training shall be conducted yearly.

D. Using chemical agents in place of other methods of control is acceptable if the chemical agent is less likely to cause injury to the inmate(s) involved.

E. If possible, before chemical agents may be used, proper precautions must be taken in advance to minimize injury to inmates, especially those who are not involved in the immediate situation.

F. Shift Commanders shall have a current list of staff authorized to deploy chemical weapons.

G. A current inventory shall be maintained on all chemical agents on hand.

H. A NOTIS entry is mandatory any time chemical agents are used. All appropriate documentation will be collected.

406.02 APPROVED CHEMICAL AGENTS

1. Approved chemical agents authorized to be used.

A. C/S (Orthochlorbenzylmalononitrile)

B. O/C (Oleoresin capsicum)

C. Pepper/Mace

D. Smoke

2. At no time will chemical agents be stored that are not on the approved list.

3. All outdated/obsolete chemical agents will be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

A. Documentation will be maintained on date, time, type, location, and method of disposal.

406.03 DECONTAMINATION

1. Following the use of chemical agents and the containment of the existing incident, the following actions will be taken:

A. Inmates or staff exposed to chemical agents will receive an immediate medical examination, which may include flushing of eyes, use of oxygen, and a check of vital signs and respiratory problems.

B. All inmates/staff exposed to chemical agents will receive a shower, unclothed and a change of clothes. Staff will be provided coveralls if needed.

2. If necessary, all contaminated or affected areas will be cleaned with soap and water solution. Inmate property, bedding and cell supplies are to be removed and cleaned prior to reissue.

APPLICABILITY

1. This regulation applies to all employees of the Department.
2. This AR requires an audit.

REFERENCES

ACA Standards, 4-4199 through 4-4203



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